

7TH GRADE RULE

FOR SCHOOL

ALL seventh graders are **REQUIRED** to get the Tdap vaccine to protect them against whooping cough (pertussis).

Kids who haven't had a Tdap vaccination may not be allowed to attend school.



Teen and Preteen Vaccine Checklist



Tdap Booster

Whooping cough (pertussis) rates have risen to their highest levels since the late 1950s. This recommended booster shot is **required** for all seventh graders. Tdap also protects kids from tetanus and diphtheria.



Flu Vaccine

Preteens and teens should get a flu vaccine in the fall, or as soon as it's available each year. It is especially important for kids with asthma or diabetes to get the shot. It helps lower their risk of serious complications from the flu.



Meningitis Vaccine (Meningococcal Conjugate or MCV)

This protects kids against bacterial meningitis, an extremely serious disease that can cause permanent disabilities and death.



HPV (Human Papillomavirus)

This anti-cancer vaccine can give teens and preteens lifelong protection from some types of human papillomavirus that can cause cervical and penile cancer.

Parents: If you have never received a Tdap vaccine, you need one as well to keep you and your family safe from whooping cough.

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